



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: October 22, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update**

Recommendation:

Receive and file update

Department Information:

Prepared by: Shaun Murphy, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator

Approved by: _____

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Don Ostrom and Julia Tabbut

Supporting Information

As part of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) mission of advising the City Council and Mayor on issues related to walking, PAC leadership has prepared the attached report detailing accomplishments of the past year and a half. Since providing its last update to the City Council, the PAC has substantially increased its capacity and effectiveness. In addition to its regular monthly meeting, two subcommittees meet every month, dramatically increasing the amount of work the PAC can take on.

Current PAC leaders include:

- Don Ostrom, Chair (Ward 7 appointee)
- Julia Tabbut, Vice Chair (Ward 2 appointee)
- Neal Baxter, Secretary (Ward 8 appointee)
- Scott Engel, Chair of the Infrastructure & Engineering Subcommittee (Ward 9 appointee)
- Dan Herber, Chair of the Policies & Programs Subcommittee (Ward 8 appointee)
- Leslie Foreman, City Council liaison

Attachment: PAC Update Report

Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update

March 2012 – October 2013

The mission of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to advise the Mayor and City Council on policies, programs, and actions for improving pedestrian safety, mobility, accessibility, and comfort; for promoting walking for transportation, recreation, and health purposes; and for strengthening the linkage between the pedestrian environment and public transportation.

Over the last 19 months, this work has taken the following forms:

Structural changes

In March 2012, the PAC formed two subcommittees: Programs and Policies and Infrastructure and Engineering. Both committees meet monthly, writing resolutions and bringing information to the full committee.

The committee has also added eight new members and chosen new leadership.

Policy advocacy

We have focused especially on snow removal and ADA compliance, supporting these actions:

- Amend the city's civil fines to include a penalty for failing to clear public sidewalks in winter weather (May 2012)
- Increase funds for snow and ice removal (November 2012)
- Continue and improve on the 2012 Snow Removal Pilot Project via public education; incentives for contractors' timely clearance; city inspectors; assessments to property owners that cover the project's costs; and tracking of performance and effectiveness (September 2013)
- Set stoplights' walk signal phases to recall with the green signal (June 2012)
- Equip all intersections along Nicollet Mall with APS signals (June 2012)
- Prioritize high motor vehicle-pedestrian crash intersections and all school crosswalks when placing enhanced crosswalk markings (September 2012)
- Endorse City's Climate Action Plan, with the development of a pedestrian component, increasing mode share and safe and efficient travel (November 2012)
- Fully implement the Pedestrian Master Plan (November 2012)
- Include line items for pedestrian improvements and maintenance in the City's 2014 budget, as proposed by the Mayor (October 2013)
- Maintain the requirement for 60% retail on Nicollet Mall, denying CenterPoint Energy's request for variance (October 2013)

Recommendations to specific projects

We have made the following recommendations involving projects throughout the city:

- Make pedestrian improvements to the W 36th Street cycle track (April 2013)
- Fill sidewalk gaps at Winter Street (June 2012), along Sunset Boulevard from Chowen to Depot (January 2013), and on 11th Avenue NE (February 2013)
- Maintain pedestrian access at 5th Street near Currie Park (January 2013)
- Facilitate crossings via bump-outs, increased curb radii, and/or speed tables on Penn Avenue South (June 2012), West 46th Street (November 2012), 4th Street and 15th Avenue South (December 2012)
- Remove traffic lanes and/or narrow 28th Avenue South (June 2012), Washington Avenue (June 2012), Cedar Avenue (December 2012), and Park & Portland Avenues (September 2012)
- Implement ADA-compliant curb ramps along Central Avenue (July 2012)

- Include an enhanced crosswalk at West 28th Street and Dean Court (January 2013)
- Include proposed pedestrian improvements at Nicollet & 42nd Street including medians, striping and signage (October 2012); and at Osseo Road, including a pedestrian refuge, enhanced crosswalk markings, and audible pedestrian signals (August 2013)
- Reconstruct the Franklin Avenue Bridge to include narrower traffic lanes and wider sidewalks, tactile separation between pedestrian and bike space, and a refuge on the west end (July 2013)
- Implement the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association plan for improved pedestrian environment and crossings at Hiawatha Ave (December 2012)
- Surround the proposed Vikings Stadium with wider sidewalks, less surface parking, access for people with disabilities, and lively streetscape (August 2013)
- Prioritize Pedestrian Master Plan High Priority Capital Improvement Projects (December 2012)
 - Hennepin/Central/5th Street Intersection
 - Penn/Osseo/44th Intersection & Osseo Road from 44th Avenue to 47th Avenue N.
 - Franklin Avenue east from Nicollet Avenue to Chicago Avenue, and from Bloomington Avenue to Minnehaha Avenue
 - 9th Street S., from Elliot Park to Nicollet Mall
 - Lagoon Avenue from Lake Calhoun Pkwy to Fremont Avenue
 - Downtown intersection improvements
 - Additional Projects:
 - 29th Street West, from Fremont Avenue to Lyndale Avenue
 - Sidewalk Infill Program;
 - Prioritize 2 projects in the current Capital Improvement Program for earlier implementation:
 - Hennepin/Lyndale Bottleneck (current 2014/2015)
 - 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th Streets downtown (current 2016/2017)
 - Support enhanced funding for pedestrian safety and Safe Routes to School within the Public Works Traffic capital fund, as well as additional funding for Accessible Pedestrian Signals (especially Nicollet Mall)
- Support the City's list of pedestrian improvements (November 2012)
 - Lake Street between Dean Boulevard & Cedar
 - Franklin between Lyndale & Bloomington
 - West Broadway between Lyndale & Penn
 - Penn between Glenwood & Osseo Road

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee is:

Voting Community Members (Ward):

Don Ostrom (7) (Chair)	Julia Tabbutt (2) (Vice-chair)	Neal Baxter (8) (Secretary)	Dan Herber (8) (P & P Chair)	Scott Engel (9) (I & E Chair)
Philip Ailiff (7)	Jacqueline Knight (11)	Donna Hemp (3)	Jennifer Edwards (8)	Stefanie Toftey (6)
Peter Janelle (1)	Kathleen Mayell (10)	Michael Jischke (13)	Jason Lord (10)	

Non-Voting Agency Members:

Mackenzie Turner (Bike/Walk Amb's)	Rose Ryan (Hennepin County)	Mike Mechtenberg (Metro Transit)
Steven Elmer (Metropolitan Council)	Gina Mitteco (Mn/DOT)	Joe Bernard (Mpls CPED)
Sarah Stewart (Mpls HD)	Dean Christenson (Mpls Police)	Shaun Murphy (Mpls PW)
Deborah Bartels (MPRB)	Julie Danzl (Mpls Public Schools)	Steve Sanders (U of M)
Leslie Foreman (City Council)		

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